

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 5587-00 3 October 2000



Dear

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 28 September 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you were discharged from the Naval Reserve on 12 June 1979, for the convenience of the government, after you were found not physically qualified for retention because of obesity. You reenlisted in the Naval Reserve on 29 June 1983. On 10 November 1986, the Commander, Naval Medical Command, recommended that you be placed in a temporarily not physically qualified status because of non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus, not well controlled. He also noted that you were considered fit to perform your duties with the exception of being overweight. He recommended that the level of control of your diabetes, as well as your compliance with a diet and exercise program, were to be assessed, and your weight and fasting blood sugar measured, no later than June 1987. As your condition had not resolved as of 26 June 1987, you requested that you be retained in the Naval Reserve beyond the expiration of your enlistment, until such time as your physical status could be resolved. You were honorably discharged on 1 January 1990 due to the expiration of your enlistment. You were recommended for reenlistment.

There is no indication in the available records that your discharge from the Naval Reserve

was improper. You were placed in a temporary non-physically qualified category due to your excess body fat and diabetes. You apparently did not bring your diabetes into good control and/or lose excess weight, and there is no indication that you attempted to reenlist at the expiration of your extended enlistment, even though you had been recommended for reenlistment.

In view of the foregoing, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

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